

Examiner's Amendment

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with assigned Attorney Robert Gnuse on 26 February 2010.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-3, 6 and 7 cancelled.

4. (Currently Amended) A data transmission system for linking multiple exercise facilities, comprising:

at least one weight lifting exercise facility which has a detection element on a weight, as a data reader for reading user data after an exercise is finished including a slot; and

a storage device housed in the slot of the data reader for reading data stored in the data reader;

a microprocessor connected to said storage device for processing data and outputting reference values of users according to ~~the physical condition~~ conditions of each individual user;

wherein the storage device has at least one preset memory buffer on the weight lifting facility which forms storage segments according to properties of the weight lifting ~~different exercise facility~~ facilities.

5. (Currently Amended) The data transmission system of claim 4, wherein the properties of the weight lifting ~~different exercise facility~~ facilities include at least one of ~~speed buffer, distance buffer, time buffer,~~ lifting time buffer and pound buffer.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the qualifying prior art references of record, taken alone or in combination, discloses or reasonably suggests the limitations of:

at least one weight lifting exercise facility which has **a detection element on a weight, as a data reader for reading user data after an exercise is finished including a slot;** and

a storage device housed in the slot of the data reader for reading data stored in the data reader;

a microprocessor connected to said storage device for processing data and outputting reference values of users according to **physical conditions of each individual user;**

wherein the storage device has **at least one preset memory buffer** on the weight lifting facility which forms **storage segments according to properties of the weight lifting exercise facility** (emphasis added).

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Such an arrangement is not described in the Watterson 2, Brown or Anderson references. In particular, these references do not discuss the processing of data related to a user based on their individual physical condition.

5. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANTHONY MEJIA whose telephone number is (571)270-3630. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 9:30AM-8:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 571-272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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